

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Toni CECCARDI et al.

Serial No.: 09/900,448

Filed: July 9, 2001

For: ISOLATED HUMAN SECRETED  
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
ENCODING HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS,  
AND USES THEREOF

Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: R. Li

Atty. Docket: CL001272

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on September 30, 2003 from Examiner Li in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith; please charge the Extension of Time Fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-6, 8-11, and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II, and IV-X.

Please amend the application as follows: